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1. From late March to 24 April 1954, MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s practiced flying with increasing intensity at Puetnitz airfield. There was also flying in unfavorable weather. Air activity included firing at air sleeves, formation flying at altitudes of up to about 7,000 meters, aerobatics, and individual flying. On 9, 20, 21, and 23 April, night flying was practiced. The swept-back jet fighters were flying in the beams of searchlights and were followed by searchlights to the limit of their range. On several days a Yak-11 with yellow engine cowling practiced take-offs and landings. On 30 March, a twin-engine propoplane [REDACTED] landed and took off again later on. [REDACTED] about 60 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were stationed at the field but the maximum counted was 36 aircraft on 29 March. [REDACTED]

2. During night flying on 21 April, take-off signals were given by a device west of the Damgarten settlement. At first only white lamps were seen at this device. Shortly before the take-off by one of the three swept-back jet fighters parked at the southwestern end of the runway, the device in red lights, three tires gave the following Morse code signals in short succession .. —. This procedure was repeated when the second and third aircraft took off at short intervals. [REDACTED] sketch of the installation. The Token-type radar set on Koeppenberg was observed at its previous location. Another Token-type radar set was located on the northern side of the field, southeast of the loading ramp. One Kniferest-type set and one Fishnet-type radar set were seen east of Koeppenberg. During air activity, the Kniferest-type radar set was in motion while the Fishnet-type set was not observed moving. Four trucks, including two radio trucks, were seen next to the sets. 3
3. Since about 17 April, 10 to 15 three-axle tank trucks, which refueled the aircraft involved in air activity, have been observed north of Koeppenberg. A silvery pipe-like body had been erected on a timber scaffolding northwest of the first station. 4

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4. [redacted] a baker in Damgarten [redacted] had to supply the field with 1,500 kg of black bread and 120 kg of white bread daily. 25X1

5. The Soviet officers with many military decorations who had previously been frequently seen in town were no longer observed there in April. Source had the impression that new personnel who apparently wore new uniforms had arrived. The uniform consisted of single buttoned jackets with stand-up collars with collar patches, dark-blue trousers with red edgings tucked into officers' boots, service caps, and belts without arms. The jackets had no pockets. In addition to the officers many Soviet dependents were seen in town. 5

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7. Between 5 and 22 April, air activity by swept-back jet fighters observed at the field included firing at air sleeves, individual flying and formation flying in formations of two and four. [redacted] 25X1

8. In April, particularly many air force soldiers who were about 19 years old and had close cropped hair were seen in Damgarten. 5

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10. On 9 and 16 April, there was air activity by swept-back jet fighters. 25X1

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1. Comment. Two fighter regiments equipped with a total of about 45 MiG-15s are stationed at Puetnitz airfield. During the reported period, there was intensive air activity. 25X1
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2. Comment. For sketch of the device, see Annex 1. The description indicates that six white lamps were burning continuously and marked the location of the device, while three vertical tubes were flashing red signals. 25X1
3. Comment. One radar installation consisting of 1 Token-type, 1 Kniferest-type and 1 Fishnet-type radar set each are apparently located north and south of the airfield area. A Dumbo-type radar set was additionally observed in the southern part. 25X1
4. Comment. For location of the tank trucks, tube-like body on the scaffolding, take-off signal device, and a radar installation, see Annex 2. 25X1
5. Comment. In April, the arrival of new personnel was reported from Koethen and Brandis. 25X1
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Annex 2 to

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Legend:

- 1 Runway
- 2 Tube-shaped body
- 3 Fuel containers
- 4 Device for the transmission of take-off signals
- 5 Kniferest-type set and Fishnet-type set
- 6 Tank trucks

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